

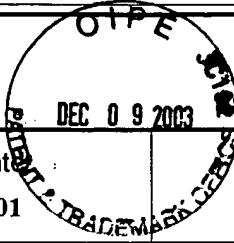
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REQUEST FOR RESTARTING OF TIME FOR RESPONSE

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Honorable Sir:

The Examiner is requested to restart the time period for response to the official action of September 4, 2003.

In the response, the Examiner provisionally rejected Claim 2 of the present application for obviousness type double patenting over Claim 15 of U.S. Application serial number

10/221,597. The owners of the present application were unable to identify Application 10/221,597 nor were they able to obtain a copy thereof.

The attorney for the present Applicants contacted the Examiner by phone on September 26, 2003 and was advised that the common inventor was Stefan Beckers but were still unable to locate or obtain a copy of Application 10/221,597. At the time of the initial contact, the Examiner indicated that he was unable to provide a copy of Application 10/221,597 to the attorney in the present Application.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office should have provided a copy of 10/221,597 to the attorney for the Applicants in the present Application to enable a response to the double patenting rejection or the rejection should have been withdrawn. In the absence of such a copy response to the double patenting rejection was impossible.

It should be pointed out that as between applications, confidentiality need not be maintained when there are inventors in common. (See e.g. MPEP 706.02(f) II) It should further be pointed out that such a rejection should not be made if there is a question of compromising confidentiality. (See MPEP 804 I. B.)

During a subsequent telephone interview on December 4, 2003, the Examiner advised that co-pending application 10/221,597 published after the date of the official action. It is therefore now possible to reply; however, insufficient time remains to properly do so.

It is therefore respectfully requested that the time period for response be restarted.

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